

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this Application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

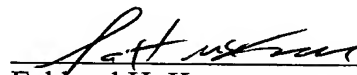
Claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 39, 40, 41 and 45 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 21-23, 25-27, 29-31, 33-35, 37, 38, 42-44, and 46-47 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

This application is a divisional of and claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of allowed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/892,545, filed June 28, 2001, and includes non-elected Claims 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 39, 40, 41 and 45 of the parent application corresponding to the embodiment of Figure 28. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced via this Amendment.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of this amendment is felt to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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